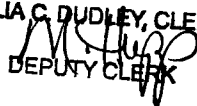


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PIERRE A. RENOIR,
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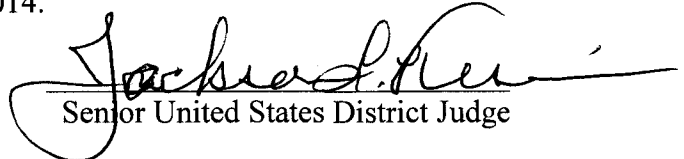
MEMORANDUM OPINION

WARDEN,
Respondent.

By: **Hon. Jackson L. Kiser**
Senior United States District Judge

Pierre A. Renoir, a Virginia inmate proceeding pro se, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his criminal judgments entered by the Circuit Court for the City of Roanoke in 1998. Court records indicate that Petitioner previously filed a § 2254 petition about the same judgments in Renoir v. Commonwealth, Civil Action No. 7:99-cv-00580 (W.D. Va. July 31, 2001). Thus, Petitioner's current petition is a subsequent one, falling under the prohibition in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b) against a second or successive petition. Pursuant to this section, a federal district court may consider a second or successive § 2254 petition only upon specific certification from a United States Court of Appeals that claims in the subsequent petition meet certain criteria. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). Because Petitioner has not submitted any evidence that he has obtained such certification by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, I dismiss the petition without prejudice as successive. Based upon the finding that Petitioner has not made the requisite substantial showing of a denial of a constitutional right as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), a certificate of appealability is denied.

ENTER: This 18th day of July, 2014.


Senior United States District Judge